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TOP STORIES

Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) programs around the nation are creating superb naval officers to lead the Navy Marine Corps team in the 21st century, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark said during his May 8 address at the Hampton Roads NROTC commissioning ceremony at Norfolk State University.

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Sigonellans put their talents on show at the 2nd annual Sigonella Idol May 15 at JOX sports bar.

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The latest building to open on Naval Air Station (NAS), Sigonella is the twin of office supply stores in the States, and much more.

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In about a year and a half the base-wide clean up program known as Sig Pride has made Naval Air Station Sigonella a base a better place to live and work.

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It was just like the old days on the playground at Naval Air Station on May 14 when people could be seen playing four square, dodgeball, kickball and even tricycle races. This is how NASSIG celebrated Armed Forces Day

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Congrats to new petty officers

Former airmen, constuctionmen and seamen now wear the crow



The NASSIG Executive Officer, Capt. K. J. Bitar Frocked Sailors from the supply depart get frocked to their new rates Monday May 17 at the NEX Depot, NASSIG.

New CO for HC-4

By Lt. j.g. Isaac Krashuar
HC-4 Public Affairs Officer



Cmdr. Michael J. Fitzpatrick



Cmdr. Gregory W. Adair

Sigonella, Sicily. The guest speaker was Capt. Kenneth J. Burkner, Commander, Helicopter Tactical Wing U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

A native of Bowie, Maryland, Cmdr. Adair is a graduate of the University of Maryland. Commissioned via Aviation Officer Candidate School in February 1987 and designated a Naval Helicopter Pilot in May 1988, he reported to HC-3, NAS North Island, Calif. for H-46D fleet replacement training. Following completion of the CAT syllabus he reported to HC-6, NAS Norfolk, Va., deploying aboard USS Butte (AE-27) during Lebanon contingency operations and USNS Sirius (T-AFS 8) during Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

In March 1992, he reported to the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) where he served in the Professional Development Division, teaching leadership and navigation. While at USNA, he completed his Master of Science Degree. His next assignment was Helicopter Direction Center/Assistant Air Operations Officer, USS Saipan (LHA-2). While on Saipan, he earned his surface warfare officer pin and completed the Air War College correspondence course, fulfilling the requirements for Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) Phase I. Upon returning from Saipan's successful Mediterranean cruise (Med 3-96), he was assigned to HT-8 in 1997. Adair served as the administrative department head, and was a CAT II, III, and IV advanced rotary wing flight instructor.

In 1998, he was assigned to HC-4 NAS Sigonella where he served as detachment

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The pesky bugs of Sigonella

By JO2 Steve Weaver
Staff Writer

It's springtime at Naval Air Station Sigonella. The weather is turning warmer, the flowers are blooming and the small flying annoyances are back.

The little gnats, as most people call them, seem to be everywhere as they appear on your clothing the minute you step outside. Don't be alarmed, these insects won't harm you, they just think you're a walking plant.

The pesky little critters, called aphids, come out here around the same time each year. "The winged aphids are primarily are probably the most abundant insect right now," said Lt. Carl Doud, Navy Environmental and Preventative Medicine Unit Seven (NEPMU 7) entomologist. "They emerge once a year about this time of the spring."

Doud said the eggs emerge early on in the spring and a few of the insects will hatch and then give birth to more insects. "They don't even mate, they're just able to reproduce," he said. In a couple generations these aphids will become winged and will fly off to try to establish a new colony on their host plant.

"I would guess from the numbers of them that there's just millions of them out there," said Doud. "They are probably feeding on the orange groves or some kind of an agricultural crop that's

here because there's got to be enough food to support the populations."

Walking around in bright-colored clothing will attract the pesky buggers. "Light colors such as khakis and yellows ... that kind of a thing are attractive to aphids so you'll tend to see them landing on you more if you've got those kind of colors on," said Doud. "If you wear a bright yellow shirt they'll really be attracted to you. It gives off light similar to the plants that they're looking for."

The winged aphids come in peace. "From a health prospective they don't bite us," said Doud. "There's no threat."

But there may be a threat to the aphids themselves in the form of a small wasp. "What they do for a living is find one of the aphids and use their stinger to inject an egg inside the aphid, [from] which the larvae emerges and feeds on the aphid," said Doud. "They're a benefit to us because they're helping to control all the aphids." These small insects are not capable of stinging and present no health concerns as well. "That's got to be what they are based on the number of aphids that we got, and I had picked ten of them off of me yesterday without even trying hard."

These bugs won't be around too much longer. "Just like ever year you're not

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Direct Line

Capt. T.L. Davison
NASSIG
Commanding Officer

The school year is rapidly coming to a close. The teachers, staff and volunteers at the Stephen Decatur Elementary School and the Stephen Decatur Secondary School have done a great job this year with the education of our children. The Parent Teacher Organization at the elementary school and the Parent Teacher Student Association at the secondary school have also done a fantastic job contributing to another successful school year.

The education of our children is essential to their overall wellbeing in life. It gives them a firm foundation for the future. Now days, the students are learning more about computers, mathematics, and foreign languages than I can imagine. I didn't have a computer in my school growing up so the advantages of our children using them are essential in today's modern world.

Our Sailors have enormous opportunities to learn here as well. Through the Navy College Office, our Sailors can get college credit for their Navy experience, Navy classes, and more. You can take the CLEP, SAT, ACT, DANTES, or Excelsior exams at regular intervals. Jeff Fishman, Kobi Sloane and Julio Garcia at the Navy College Office are ready to help you get started.

We have several colleges located on base that can assist you in your educational endeavors as well. The Navy College Office, University of Maryland-University College, University of Phoenix, Central Texas College and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University are being conveniently located on the second floor of the NAS I Community Services Building.

We also have the Center of Naval Leadership headed by MTCM (SS) Laurin Lader on NAS I. The CNL's goal is to make us all better leaders through a variety of coursework and classes in leadership development. And our very own Base Education and Training Department whose mission is to consolidate and coordinate the facilitation and instruction of professional and personal training and education for military and civilian personnel of NAS Sigonella, Operational units, and various commands in the Mediterranean theater. They can help you with your General Military Training, computer classes, Core Values, PQS, Rights and Responsibilities and more.

President John Adams once said, "There are two types of education... One should teach us how to make a living, and the other how to live."

How true that is! We can accomplish more with a little bit of education.

Until next time...

HEALTHWATCH

Teen Clinic at Stephen Decatur School

From USNH Sigonella

Sigonella Stephen Decatur School offers a time saving benefit and service to parents and teens alike and includes the Teen Clinic. Teens from ages 12 through 17 years old are eligible to use the Teen Clinic with parents' permission. This service provides a way for parents to save time, as they will not be called in from work or home to take their son or daughter to the hospital clinic.


Services available include routine and sports physicals, minor acute care for illnesses, treatment of chronic problems, updating immunizations, and lab testing when needed. In addition, counseling, treatment, and education on reproductive health, substance abuse, or emotional problems are also available. Ms. Sabrina Misuraca, school nurse for Stephen Decatur Middle School and High School, reports that teens are most often treated for colds,

sprained ankles, headaches, stomach aches and for completion of a sports physical exam. If the health care provider determines the teen is not able to stay in school due to illness then the parent will be called to pick him or her up from school. Most often the illnesses or injuries are minor and require aspirin or other over the counter medication and then the teen can go back to class.

In order for a teenager to be treated at the Teen Clinic, parents must sign a consent form for teenagers from 12 to 17 years old. Treatment received at the Teen Clinic is the same as treatment received at the Hospital Clinic. If a consent form for your son or daughter is not on file the school nurse can fax a consent form to your home or office and the form can be signed and faxed back to the school. New students from aged 12 to 18 years old receive a Teen Clinic consent form as part of the student registration package. Health care providers are at the school for the Teen Clinic every Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. and otherwise teens can be treated at the hospital clinic.

As per United States Federal Law, teenagers aged 15 to 17 years old must also have parental consent except for services that involve outpatient treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, drug and alcohol abuse, and birth control (does not include sterilization and abortion). Counseling and education services, as well as services involving outpatient treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, drug and alcohol abuse, and birth control are provided free of charge for all Teen Clinic patients. No birth control devices are distributed at the Teen Clinic.

Child healthcare experts treat teenagers at the Teen Clinic and are required to determine if a teen patient is able to properly understand his or her medical condition and the risks and benefits of treatment. For more information, please call the Middle School/High School Nurse, Sabrina Misuraca, at 095-56-3254 for advice on filling out a parental consent form so your son or daughter can be treated at the Sigonella Teen Clinic.



CRIMESTOPPER'S HOTLINE
624-6389
May 10 — May 16

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

- Traffic accidents without injuries - 11
- Traffic accident with injuries - 0
- Car break-ins - 7
- DUI - 1
- DUI's 2003 - 9
- DUI's 2003 - 58

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NJP results

Violation of the UCMJ, Art. 92 (Failure to obey a lawful written order) and Art. 111 (Reckless operation of a vehicle)

Awarded restriction to the limits of U.S. Naval Air Station Sigonella (NAS II) for 30 days; extra duties for 30 days; forfeiture of \$668.00 pay per month for two months; and reduction to next inferior pay grade.

Violation of the UCMJ, Art. 111 (Drunken operation of a vehicle)

Awarded restriction to the limits of U.S. Naval Air Station Sigonella (NAS II) for 45 days; forfeiture of \$1169.00 pay per month for two months; and reduction to next inferior pay grade.

Violation of the UCMJ, Art. 112(a) (Wrongful use of a controlled substance)

Awarded restriction to the limits of U.S. Naval Air Station Sigonella (NAS II) for 60 days; forfeiture of \$792.00 pay per month for two months (suspended for six months); and reduction to next inferior pay grade.



By Chaplain Thom Dansak
Command Chaplain

A teacher asked his students to punctuate a sentence. The sentence was "Woman without her man is nothing." Seems to make perfect sense just as it is if you are an arrogant man. Now, add two commas to that sentence and the whole sense changes. "Woman, without her, man is nothing." I can hear the applause of the ladies for this version! The whole meaning of the sentence has changed because of two small dots called commas – little things can make a huge difference.

Note the difference made by putting a decimal point where it doesn't belong. \$1000 could become \$10 because of a little dot. Again, little things can make a big difference.

Sometimes in our overly sophisticated and complicated view of life, we forget that little things still matter. Things that might not seem important still can add much to our lives and the lives of others. Simple words like "thank you", "good job", "excuse me" and "please" take little time to say but pay great dividends. Writing and sending hand written notes of appreciation, sympathy, or love show class and a truer and deeper level of sentiment than one would find through an e-mail. In our fast and at times hectic lifestyle, we overlook or ignore the simple and small things that can and do make our lives, our marriages and our families and friendships more human and more

Your virtual recruiter: recruiting now a point and click away

By JO2 Chris Conklin
Commander, Navy Recruiting Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — The Navy has unveiled its newest feature to supplement its online marketing strategy and help further its "Accelerate Your Life," advertising campaign to its tech-savvy target market.

Oct. 31 saw the introduction of this new feature on NAVY.com named "Your Virtual Recruiter" (YVR). The site allows visitors to explore the recruiting process anonymously, dispelling some of the myths about joining the Navy.

"We are trying to give prospects all the information upfront about what to expect when they walk through the door of a recruiter's office, so they feel more confident, informed and better prepared to talk to the recruiter," said Gary Sikorski, interactive marketing account manager for Campbell-Ewald.

The site allows prospects to go through a basic, personality test. This test is administered through a series of photos, with the prospect choosing the situation most relevant to them. A video "virtual" recruiter guides the visitor through the recruiting process. This can include information about the enlistment steps that will be required to join the Navy, starting with a visit to a Military Entrance Processing Station, the Delayed Entry Program process, boot camp and first Navy assignment.

"Research shows that young people spend as much, if not more time on the Internet now than watching television programs, so they are very comfortable with that environment; we call it fish where the fish are," said Sikorski. "If that's where they're at, you want to get to them and communicate in terms of having a robust engaging experience on a Web site with a lot of interactivity."

Since its release in October, the YVR

module has been a popular destination for NAVY.com visitors, with a majority of interest being focused on the boot camp link. More than 150,000 visitors have viewed that page. According to Lt. Lisa Flores, Navy Recruiting Command's director of interactive marketing, YVR was created to de-mythify the recruiting process for prospects, answer questions, and prepare them for the recruiting process before they even see a recruiter.

"Before a prospect decides to talk to a recruiter, they start thinking of hundreds of questions about joining and being in the Navy. YVR can answer some of those questions, therefore saving the field recruiter's time," said Flores. "By all means, YVR is not going to answer all questions. The idea is that a prospect logs on to get some information, and answer his or her basic questions."

"In turn, this will also create questions, but these are now informed questions that the prospect takes to a recruiter," she added. "Our goal is to create more informed, confident recruits, which should in turn reduce attrition."

Navy Recruiting and Campbell-Ewald officials expect the site's popularity to grow, and feel this is just a glimpse into what the future holds for online Navy recruiting.

For more information on Your Virtual Recruiter and Navy opportunities, visit www.NAVY.com.

NAS Sigonella Worship Opportunities

Catholic Mass
Saturday 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS II)
Sunday 9 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)
Sunday 9 a.m. in Italian 41*
Stormo Chapel (NAS II)
Sunday 11 a.m. Community Center (Minoe)

Protestant Traditional Service
Sunday 11 a.m. Fellowship Hall (NAS I)

Protestant Worship
Sunday 9 a.m. Community Center (Minoe)
Sunday 10:45 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)

United Pentecostal Church, International
Sunday Noon Chapel, (NAS II)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Sunday 1 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Church of Christ
Sunday 3:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Jewish Shabbat Service
Last Friday of the month 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Muslim Jumuaah
Friday 12:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I) Classroom

Weekdays
Catholic Mass 4:30 p.m.
Monday & Tuesday
11:30 a.m. Thursday & Friday (NAS I)
Monday thru Thursday at 11:30 a.m. (NAS II)
Wednesday Protestant Bible Study
4:45 p.m. (NAS II Chapel)
5 p.m. (NAS I Chapel)
For more details, call 624-4295 or 624-9049.

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NAVY NEWS

CNO thanks NROTC programs for creating future leaders

By JOC Walter T. Ham IV
Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) programs around the nation are creating superb naval officers to lead the Navy Marine Corps team in the 21st century, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark said during his May 8 address at the Hampton Roads NROTC commissioning ceremony at Norfolk State University.

"If I had my way, I would in fact be commissioning every individual that raised their right hand to become an officer in the United States Navy," said Clark. "I believe that you, as a group, represent everything that is so good and promising about the future of our services."

"Today, it is my pleasure to commission both Ensigns in the United States Navy and 2nd Lieutenants in the United States Marine Corps," Clark continued. "The Navy and Marine Corps have never been closer than they are today. Ever."

Along with the 70 other NROTC programs around the country, Clark said the Hampton Roads NROTC class, comprised of students from Old Dominion University, Hampton University and Norfolk State University, is another example of the Navy's commitment to the growth and development of its Sailors. Thirty-seven of the 47 officers in the class he commissioned had prior fleet experience.

"You are a testament to the growth and development of the young men and women that are serving in the Navy today," Clark said. "It is our task to give the young men and women who make a decision to serve in the military the tools so that they can succeed, and as they progress, we do give them more responsibility."

The CNO also emphasized that graduating NROTC classes now assume their new charge: the full weight and responsibility of their commissions.

"As Ensigns and 2nd Lieutenants, you will focus first on mission accomplishment and victory. Everything that you have done in your life up to now has prepared you for this moment," Clark said. "Your country and your leaders are placing special trust in your abilities and your character. We are vesting authority in you along with your commission—the authority to lead."

"You are getting ready to lead the most impressive, the most awesome enlisted force that I have ever seen since I joined the Navy in 1968. They are magnificent," Clark said. "This is a sacred trust, but I am confident that you are well prepared. I'm confident that you are ready."

Clark said he was glad to receive the invitation to the commissioning ceremony because it gave him the chance to thank not only the Hampton Roads NROTC program, but also



Adm. Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) speaks to the Naval Reserve Officer's Training Corps (NROTC) Unit of Hampton Roads during the Spring Commissioning Ceremony held at Norfolk State University. The Hampton Roads unit was the first to offer complete NROTC programs at three separate institutions to include Hampton University, Norfolk State University and Old Dominion University.

NROTC programs around the nation. "This is my opportunity to say thank you to the Hampton Roads NROTC consortium and to all the NROTC units around the country because you, the NROTCs of the United States of America, create superb leaders for our Navy and our Marine Corps," Clark said. "They are the foundation of what we want to be."

For more on the CNO, go to www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/cno.

Dental readiness standards available on CD

By Lt. Cmdr. Michael Bilak
Naval Institute for Dental and Biomedical Research
Public Affairs

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (NNS) — A revised CD detailing changes in the dental classification system is now available to more than 1,100 Navy dental officers and civilian dentists.

The CD, referred to as the Dental Image Quiz, was updated by a team of researchers from the Naval Institute for Dental and Biomedical Research (NIDBR), in collaboration with the University of Texas Health Sciences Center. The team designed the original CD in 1995.

"This CD has a proven track record as an invaluable aid in training dental officers [how to categorize] dental treatment needs based on DoD requirements," said Capt. James C. Ragain Jr., NIDBR commanding officer. "The updated CD features more than 35 clinical cases to test a dental officer's understanding of diagnostic classification in the areas of operative dentistry, oral surgery, endodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics, orthodontics, oral medicine and temporomandibular disorders."

Each clinical case is presented in a question and answer format, with clinical photographs and radiographic images, as appropriate, augmenting the case descriptions.

"The Dental Image Quiz CD-ROM clarifies the complexities of the dental classification system by providing clinical examples, as well as rationale for the classification assignments," said Capt. K. E. Diefenderfer, project coordinator and NIDBR special assistant for operational research. "This is an invaluable resource for recalibrating our active and reserve dental officers, and for initial training of new dental officers as they begin active duty."

Also available on the CD is the Navy Dental Corps' oral disease risk management and specialty specific treatment guidelines, to provide clinicians a completed reference background.

Unlike civilian populations, the Navy and Marine Corps have established mission requirements for operational dental readiness. The frequently hostile working conditions and challenging duty assignments



Dentist Lt. Jeff Lee, of Columbus, Ohio, left, and Dental Technician Seaman Vincent Washington, of Winchester, Va., perform oral surgery in the Dental Department aboard USS George Washington (CVN 73).

faced by Sailors and Marines, have significant implications on their dental health and readiness.

Navy Dentistry utilizes a Dental Classification System to prioritize dental treatment and to identify an individual Sailor or Marine's operational dental readiness.

To request a CD, e-mail Lt. Cmdr. Michael Bilak at mbilak@NIDBR.med.navy.mil.

Sexual Assault Victim Intervention

SAVI offers a Sexual Assault Hotline staffed with trained Advocates who man the SAVI Hotlines 24/7. The number is 335-642-8312 or 335-606-6146.

USS Columbia returns from surge deployment to Western Pacific

By JOC (SW/AV) David Rush
Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet
Public Affairs

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NNS) — Following a three month surge deployment to the Western Pacific, the crew members of USS Columbia (SSN 771) returned to their homeport of Pearl Harbor May 10.

According to the nuclear-powered attack submarine's Commanding Officer Cmdr. Duane Ashton, the Sailors did a great job on their short fused deployment.

"The surge deployment went very well. The crew was able to turn the ship around from a previous deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and once we found out we would be deployed again to the Western Pacific, we began in earnest our upkeep and almost our entire pre-deployment work up cycle. But the crew stepped up to the plate and knocked it out of the park."

Ashton commended not only his submariners for a job well done, but also Submarine Squadron 3 for their essential support.

"I am very proud of what my crew was able to do," Ashton said. "The squadron worked very hard to help us get ready and prepare for operations in the 7th Fleet."

As part of the Chief of Naval Operations Fleet Response Plan, Columbia was the first Pacific Fleet submarine to be surge-deployed.

"A surge deployment is when the submarine gets underway outside of the normal inter-deployment training cycle. That cycle is normally 18 months; we did it in essentially six months. We moved the clock forward to be able to deploy much earlier than originally planned," said Ashton.

Although the crew had to endure long hours to get the submarine ready, Ashton added that they knew they had family and friends behind them.

"Having the family support that we have here helped," said Ashton. "Our ombudsman and our family support group were awesome. It allowed the crew to focus on the mission at hand."

Columbia was built with the state-of-the-art Seawolf technology. Application of this technology makes this ship the most modern submarine in the world. Both construction methods and computerization make Columbia stand out as a unique submarine platform among the 688 improved class.

This submarine is one of the most versatile weapons platforms ever placed in the world's oceans, capable of long range Tomahawk strike operations, anti-submarine and surface shipping operations, surveillance and intelligence gathering, and special forces insertions.



The crew of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Columbia (SSN 771) moor the submarine to a Pearl Harbor pier. Columbia is returning from deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Medical education goes online

From Naval Medical Education and Training
Command Public Affairs

BETHESDA, Md. (NNS) — Naval Medicine leaders unveiled the Basic Medical Department Officers Course (BMDOC), available via Navy Knowledge Online (NKO), May 1.

Accessed through Navy eLearning on NKO, the BMDOC consists of 15-20 hours of coursework that introduces the business and operational aspects of Naval Medicine's role in delivering force health protection.

The Naval Medical Education and Training Command (NMETC) developed BMDOC for all Naval Medical Department personnel.

Future courses include advanced courses for O-4s and O-5s, as well as an executive course of study for O-6s. Courses for enlisted and civilian personnel are also in development.

According to Capt. Catherine Timmsky, director of Learning Continuum Development for NMETC, the course will introduce junior officers to the concepts and organizational structure of Naval Medicine, and expose junior officers to important information about how Navy Medicine operates and is resourced.

The online course provides career development through convenient and accessible learning.

"The student has the convenience of managing his or her own learning. Because of its availability online, students can access the course anytime, anywhere," said Cmdr. Patrick Malone, NMETC's director of academics.

BMDOC supports the CNO's vision of revolutionizing education and training and serves as one of the key steps in the professional development of medical department leadership.

News Briefs

Freedom for All, A Nation We Call Our Own

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and every year The Filipino-American Association of Sigonella proudly sponsors the celebration here at the Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily. A program to highlight the Asian and Pacific Islanders will be held at the Stephen Decatur School's Multi-purpose Room tomorrow, Saturday, May 22, at 5:00 pm, followed by Asian and Pacific Islander food-tasting. The program will showcase traditional Asian dances and a parade of various Asian costumes. This show is FREE for all. So come out and join us celebrate the festivities!

For additional information regarding the event, please contact Margie Castro at 624-5702, 624-1426 or 347-189-8044.

SDS PTSA Fund raiser

The Stephen Decatur School PTSA will be holding their last big fund raiser of the year — a car wash and snack sale, May 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on NAS 1 at the NEX Annex parking lot next to the CDC.

Please come out and help raise funds for events at the school such as graduation, prom, Teacher's Appreciation Week, school pictures and more.

For info or to volunteer contact Kori at X1529 or if off base call 095 86 1529."

Worldwide Caselot Sale coming soon.

DeCA Europe will be having a caselot sale on May 28 through 30. Check the commissary for the two days of the three that they will hold this popular event.

Spring Carnival today

Stephen Decatur Elementary will be having its spring carnival today from 4 to 7 p.m. at the school. Please come by.

1-2-3 Magic

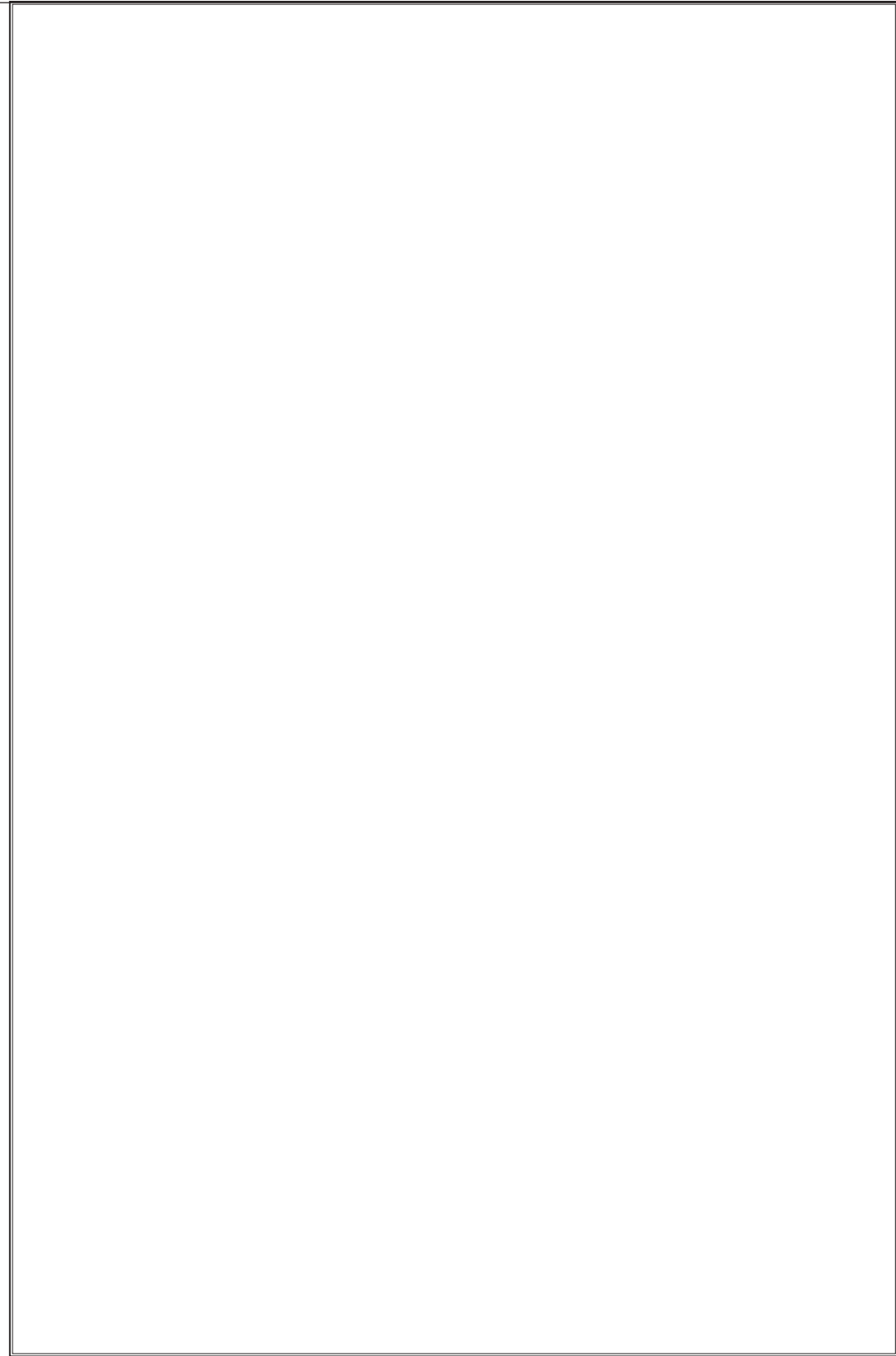
Whining, arguing, teasing, fighting, yelling, tantrums and pouting ...

Could you use some ideas on how to stop this kind of behavior in your child? If so, then mark your calendar for Thursday, May 27th from 2:30 to 3:30. Holly Mello, Early Intervention Specialist for EDIS, will present on 1-2-3 Magic, a discipline program designed for managing difficult behavior in elementary school children. Call Sandi Johnston at 624-3211 for more information.

You Drink, You Drive, You Lose.
Drive Safely Sigonella



| SUNDAY | | MONDAY | | TUESDAY | | WEDNESDAY | | THURSDAY | | FRIDAY | | SATURDAY | |
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| COMMUNITY CALENDAR | | | | | | | | | | 21 | May | 22 | Asian-Pacific Heritage Month Celebration Free at 5 p.m. at SDS multi-purpose room Call 624-5702 |
| | | | | | | | | | | 23 | | 24 | 25 |
| Military Spouse Appreciation Day Free movies and bowling. Call 624-5271 for more info | | Dominos Tournament and pizza Night Take 5 at 5:45 Call 624-5602 | | Red Cross Volunteer Orientation 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Call 624-5446/5921 | | Karaoke Jox Sports Bar 8 p.m. | | Ping Pong Tournament Take 5 at 5:45 Call 624-5602 | | Catania History II ITT Call 624-4396 | | Tropea Camping Trip, Mainland Italy AU Call 624-4271 | |
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| Mt. Etna South & Wine Tasting ITT Call 624-4396 | | Memorial Day Wreath laying 8 a.m. NAS II | | June | | | Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby Instructor Course Red Cross Call 624-5446 | | Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby Instructor Course Red Cross Call 624-5446 | | Taormina, Giardini Naxos & Limoncello Factory ITT Call 624-4396 | | |
| 6 | | 7 | | 8 | 9 | 10 | | 11 | | 12 | | | |
| Piazza Armerina Roman Villa & Enna ITT Call 624-4396 | | NMRC'S Budget for Baby Class 9:30-12 p.m. FFSC ICR room Call 624-4212 | | | | Bellini Opera First Showing Tickets on sale at ITT Call 624-4396 | | Summer Luau Matinee Party MWR Theater Call x4297 for more information | | Night of Champions Bodybuilding Championship MWR Theater 6 p.m. | | | |
| THURSDAY CALL | | Sat., May 22 | | Sun., May 23 | | Mon., May 24 | | Wed., May 26 | | Thurs., May 27 | | | |
| Fri., May 21 | | Etna is full of hot lava and ice. Join ITT on their annual trek with a local guide to see this wonderful phenomenon. Bring water, food, flashlight, warm clothes and hiking boots for the freezing cave. Call ITT at 624-4396 for more information. | | All aboard the Lipari express with ITT. Visit Lipari, one of the seven Aeolian Islands. Take the ferry from Milazzo and disembark at the port of Lipari. Then explore the island on a bus tour plus more! Call ITT at 624-4396 for more information. | | Stop by Take 5 for a Dominos Tournament and Pizza night. Signup starts at 5:45 p.m. and the festivities begin at 6 p.m. Free pizza and sodas for all players. Top dog gets a prize. | | Head on over to Jox Sports Bar for their Live music. Jox has live DJs playing all your requests and the latest music to hit Sigonella. | | Ping pong masters take note, Take 5 is having a ping pong tournament at 6 p.m. Signup starts at 5:45 p.m. Winner takes home prizes! Call x5602 for more information. | | | |
| Ladies Night at The Crater Pub from 6 - 8 p.m. Latino and Salsa night starting at 8 p.m. 9-ball Pool Tournament at 7 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |





By Alberto Lunetta
Signature Staff

Italian News

Sicilian culture and lifestyle

Spring events in Caltagirone

The town of Caltagirone is offering a variety of spring events in May for anyone who enjoys arts, outdoor activities, eating good food and learning about the Sicilian culture. Programs include art exhibitions, a religious festival to honor the *Madonna Conadomini* or Conadomini Virgin Mary, music and fashion shows wine tasting, and food fairs.

Art Exhibitions

The *Corte Capitanale*, an ancient building located at via Duomo n. 7, is currently hosting an amazing collection of photographs by the *Rodolfo Namias Group*, an association of artistic photographers that was founded in 1991 and named after the "master" of Italian photographic chemistry. These talented artists (some of them are amateurs) print their images using unconventional sensible materials to achieve a quality unobtainable on common silver-bromide papers. The *mostra* (exhibition) showcases ancient and alternative printing techniques such as gum dichromate, carbon pigment, salt prints, platinum-palladiotypes, iron salts processes cyanotype (Van Dyck brown print, kallitype and argyrotpe), swelling processes (oil printing and resinotypes), special processes (metal etching and toning) and mixed processes, a combination of the aforementioned techniques. Running through May 23, the exhibition is free to the public, and will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Don't miss it!

Signonella music lovers have a chance to discover beautiful ethnic instruments and understand their function as creators of sounds through an exhibition featuring about 130 musical instruments from all over the world that is currently being held at the Milazzo Hall located inside the town hall in piazza Municipio. Open daily through May 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 8 to p.m. The cost of a ticket is 50 Euro cents. All proceeds collected will support homeless Brazilian children.

A new *museo* (museum) featuring nativity scenes, classic images and cameras from the history of photography has recently opened in via Principessa Maria José. The museum is an ancient style building with two floors. On displays are terracotta nativity scenes and photographic equipment and its history. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Before you leave Caltagirone, plan a visit to the mesmerizing *Villa Putti*, an elegant Venetian style residence surrounded by beautiful gardens built in 1830. The villa, which is located in via Santa Maria di Gesù, (near the hospital in the modern part of the city) was recently restored. It houses an exhibition of period furnishings, ceramics, vases, majolica and paintings dating back to the 19th century are displayed in a unique and elegant environment. Open Tuesday through Sunday through July 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Sunday till 12:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday also open in the afternoon from 4 to 7 p.m. Closed on Mondays. Admission is free.

Religious Festival Highlights

From May 29 through 31, a religious festival in honor of the *Madonna Conadomini* will be held in the historic heart of the town. The *Conadomini* Virgin Mary being venerated in town is depicted in a 15th century painting preserved in the *Chiesa di Santa Maria del Monte*, a beautiful church sitting atop the famous 142 steps of Santa Maria del Monte a flight of steps decorated with multicolored ceramic tiles. The magnificent 17th century *scala* (steps), which currently features elegant flower decorations (*Infiorata*) through June 6 celebrating the Madonna, is a perfect backdrop for this heartfelt religious event. During the festival, devotees set up *edicole* (little temple-like structures intended as a shrine or votive offering) featuring an image of the Virgin Mary and say a special rosary in Sicilian. On May 29 at 3:30 p.m., the festival kicks off with a spectacular parade commemorating the Virgin Mary. It leaves from the local soccer stadium and arrives about two hours later in piazza Matrice (the square nestled atop the steps). The parade is named *A Rusedda* (rose plant) as it features

farm tractors and floats decorated with these beautiful plants and holy pictures. In the past, *Rusedda* plants, which grow in the neighboring *Bosco di San Pietro* (Saint Peter's Wood), were used to fuel the ovens of the local ceramic craftsmen's workshops. Caltagirone farmers sold these plants to the craftsmen to gather funds for the local churches.

On May 29 and 30 at 9 p.m. with a spectacular fashion shown that is held along the steps. The theme of this year's show is: "Ceramics and Flowers."

Food & Wine Events

If you like *vino*, make sure you visit the *Antica Tenuta del Nafro*, a wine cellar that will be offering a wine, local produce and pasta tasting as well as a ceramic-making demonstration on May 30 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cellar is located in San Nicola le Cane, a district located four kilometers south of Caltagirone on the provincial road towards Niscemi. For more info call 0933-60744/60525.

On May 31, the actual religious festival is celebrated with several Holy Masses that are held at Chiesa di Santa Maria del Monte throughout the day (a solemn Holy Mass is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of Santa Maria del Monte). In the evening, the festival ends with mesmerizing firework shows.

Last, but not least, Signonella's food-lovers should not miss the *Fiera del Sapori*, a food fair that will be held on May 23 in San Pietro, a natural reserve located about 17 kilometers south of Caltagirone towards Acate. Open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, to confirm dates and times and detailed schedules call Caltagirone Tourist Office at 0933-34191/351073



The magnificent Caltagirone tiled stairs will be the backdrop for several spring events. Inaugurated in 1666 to connect piazza del Municipio (the city's historic heart) with the ancient *Chiesa Matrice* or cathedral (the religious hub) and renovated in the 1950s, it is currently decorated with flowers and plants through June 6.

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TRIVIA

- 1) Who helped to provide the voice of E. T., the Reese's Pieces craving Alien? *Martin Cook, Charlie White, Debra Winger or Dora Hindleberg?*
- 2) What percent of people who use personal ads for dating are already married? 35, 48, 12 or 70?
- 3) How many cows does it take to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs, 70,000, 2,000, 150,000, or 3,000?
- 4) What substance do pearls made in lemon juice, sugar water, vinegar or alcohol?
- 5) What is the average lifespan of a baseball? 19 pitches, one season, seven pitches, or five games?

(Answers on page 16)

Movie Connection

SDS's Theater Schedule

Friday, May 21



6 p.m.
The Prince and Me
(PG)**



8 p.m.
Van Helsing
(PG-13)**

Saturday, May 22



1 p.m.
Agent Cody Banks 2
(PG)



3:30 p.m.
Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed
(PG)



6 p.m.
The Ladykillers
(R)

Sunday, May 23



1 p.m.
The Prince and Me
(PG)



3:30 p.m.
Van Helsing
(PG-13)



6 p.m.
Taking Lives
(R)

Monday, May 24



6 p.m.
Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed
(PG)



8 p.m.
Never Die Alone
(R)

Theater Closed Tuesdays

Wednesday, May 26



6 p.m.
The Ladykillers
(R)



8 p.m.
Van Helsing
(PG-13)

Thursday, May 27



6 p.m.
Dawn of the Dead
(R)



8 p.m.
Taking Lives
(R)

Friday, May 28



6 p.m.
The Whole Ten Yards
(PG-13)**



9 p.m.
Troy
(R)**

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SCHOOL NEWS

Signonellan paints cover for DoDDS Europe Showcase

By Senior Michael Maury

Almost five percent of Stephen Decatur students were published in the annual art and literary anthology, sponsored by DoDDS Europe called the *Showcase*. Students' art and literature are selected from over five thousand entries throughout Europe. The books will arrive in the fall.

Artwork created by senior Michael Maury, called *Tropical Danger*, depicting a snake in a rainforest, will be published on the cover of the two thousand four edition of the *Showcase*. "I strived for the cover for the two thousand three edition but I was satisfied with being published inside. This year I just had fun and had no idea that my work was of high enough quality to be on the cover, but I have to say thank you to Ms. Nance, my art teacher, for helping me achieve this goal."

Teachers went through the selection process May third through the seventh, in Mainz-Kastel, Germany, selecting Art and Literature sent in by DoDDS Europe students. First, the artwork and literature must pass the student's teacher and be of high enough quality to be sent in for the *Showcase*. Once the work is sent to Germany it goes through a District Selection Committee where eight to 10 art teachers and eight to 10 English teachers select the work of highest quality. The work selected by these teachers is published. There is a photographer who scans and photographs the selected artwork and the group use photographic software to layout the pages. Ms. Sue Nance, layout art editor and art teacher at Stephen Decatur, states, "I think it's fantastic. I get to see the best art from students around Europe, so I can come back to Sig with new inspirations and ideas, even though it's a lot of work trying to lay it all out."



Senior Michael Maury holds up a copy of last year's DoDDS-E art and literary collection. His artwork will be displayed on the cover of this year's book.

When Ms. Nance went to the Showcase convention, she met Ms. Mindy Mapes-Root, the elementary art teacher in SHAPE, England and cover editor. Ms. Mapes, realizing Michael's signature on the bottom right corner, told Ms. Nance that she used to sign her name "M raised to the second power" as well when in high school, because of her initials. When Ms. Nance came back and told Michael this, he was shocked and said, "That's like a sign, and well, I guess I'm not the only 'M squared'."

Volunteers honored at SDS

The faculty of Stephen Decatur Secondary School would like to thank the members of the PTSA Teacher Appreciation Committee for making us all feel so special. This is the greatest community in which we could work.

Betsy Beaujon
Janine Fitzpatrick
Kori Meyer
Carol Boynton
Stephanie Colman
Laura Black
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Barry

Kelly DeLaurentis
Karen Stelling
Patty Smith
Sande Roberts
Cynthia Nickerson
Lisa Giacchetto
Janet Stanick

Maria Guillorme
Michelle Therrien
Carol Harris
Karen Hoover
Celeste Harvey
Anne Blount
Patty Bitar

Stephen Decatur Elementary School would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers for making the teachers feel so special during Teacher Appreciation Week. Many hours went into planning and coordinating: Monday's huge bouquet of flowers for the teacher's lounges, Tuesday's goody-filled painted pots in each teacher's box, Wednesday's delicious lunch, Thursday's bag of treats, and Friday's very filling breakfast, not to forget the pot of coffee made every morning. The Elementary School Annex building walls are adorned with flowers colored by all the children and cut and mounted by volunteers. Thanks for making us feel so appreciated. You are equally appreciated by Stephen Decatur Elementary Staff!

Patty Bitar
Kelly De Laurentis
Tonjals Chavious
Kerri Dowling
Carmen Rios
Lisa Bruno
Traci Neerhof
Maria Guillorme
Rebecca Koshio

Ken Bitar
Mandy Berryhill
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AnneMarie Watt
Beth Curtis
Thea Burke
Promise Simon
Michelle Therrien
Karen Donovan

Marti Knowles
Jamie Castro
Dailia Johnson
Leslie Deal
Sharon Mason
Tish Rendon
Janet Stanick
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Above: Sandee Roberts gives Thea Burke a letter of appreciation and a red lunchbox at the Volunteer Appreciation picnic in the Stephen Decatur Multipurpose room.

Attendees of the Volunteer Appreciation picnic have some food.



Photo by PHOTOGRAPHY Brian Carrasco

Sigonellans showcase talents at Sig Idol 2



Above: Katrina Doud sings "Turn Me On" with Carl Doud at the 2nd Annual Sigonella Idol.

Left: Christine Drasdis performs "All That Jazz" from the musical Chicago at the 2nd Annual Sigonella Idol.



Above: Paying tribute to Bob Marley, Dorothea Bennett sings "No Women, No Cry."

Top right: Authur Gaston leads band playing guitar while singing "A Song of Some Kind".

Bottom left: Chris "Cowboy" Tadlock performs Garth Brooks song "The Dance."

Bottom right: Sarah Wiscarson sings "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston.



NEX Depot now open at NASSIG

By Alexis James
Staff Writer

The latest building to open on Naval Air Station (NAS), Sigonella is the twin of office supply stores in the States, and much more. In addition to software, stationery and desk chairs, the new NEX Depot is home to cookware, gardening supplies and a whole section of power tools. And it's open to the public.

Patrick Knowles, Navy Exchange General Manager, says this is something that was two years in the making. The idea started in Japan, where three depots are now established, moved to Rota last year, and, in spite of set-backs—the original grand opening date was December 15—Sigonella now has a Depot of its own.

"The whole point of this process is to take existing Servemart operations and improve the offerings, the category of assortments to improve the shopping environment," says Knowles.

On opening day there were already some eager early-birds perusing the new warehouse-like store.

"It's a lot easier to find things," observes ATC (AW/NAC) Brian Schehl. PN1 John Hawkinson agrees: "The thing is, if you need something for the house, it's right here."

That's precisely the idea. States Knowles, "The primary mission of the Med Mall and the Serve Marts is to serve the commands. We maintain that primary mission but we also open the doors to all authorized exchange customers."

And if what you want isn't in-house, chances are it soon



PN1 John Hawkinson peruses the merchandise available at the new Navy Exchange Depot on NAS II.

may be. "As we learn more about what [people] are going out to buy on the economy or through catalogues, we'll continue to enhance the assortment," he explains. This is good news for Schemel and AE1 (AW/NAC) Shawn Kraemer who were hoping to find more computer equipment, and AM1 (AW/NAC) Santiago Artiles who says he expected "more electronics."

Knowles calls this project, "the beginning of an evolutionary process." The new NEX Depot houses "hundreds of new items," he says, but as time goes on, these items will grow and chance to accommodate the needs of the base.

If you need a mop, a pen or even a new lawn ornament, forego that trip to a store out in town and plan on visiting the newly-opened NEX Depot. You don't even need a token to get a cart.



Top left: AM1(AW/NAC) Santiago Artiles (right), ATC(AW/NAC) Brian Schehl (front left) and AE1(AW/NAC) Shawn Kraemer check out merchandise at the NEX Depot at the grand opening May 12.

Bottom left: Giovanni Di Bartolo, NEX Depot store supervisor, helps customer Enzo Curcuruto after the store's Grand Opening.

Bottom right: Naval Air Station Sigonella Executive Officer Capt. Ken Bitar talks to browsing customers after the NEX Depot Grand Opening.





Cleaning up with pride: Sig Pride

Story and photos by JO2 Steve Weaver
Staff Writer



TM3 Benjamin Gravatt picks up a little piece of trash to add to his bag during a recent Sig Pride Day.

In about a year and a half the base-wide clean up program known as Sig Pride has made Naval Air Station Sigonella a base a better place to live and work.

The program got off the ground when Capt. Ken Bitar, NASSIG executive officer, noticed a significant amount of trash around the base when he first arrived in June 2002.

"First I thought that with so much construction going on that the contractors were making the mess," Bitar said. "I found that wasn't the case at all. We were making our own mess. I thought if we were making the mess, we should all participate in cleaning it up."

Bitar asked Lt. Todd Menke to take charge of the program and get it off the ground. "I said get a program together that all the tenant commands can participate in. Maybe in August or September of 2002 was our first one."

Bitar noticed a definite improvement in the base after the clean up. "We found after the first one that the base looked incredibly good," he said. "The base just looks terrific for a couple days afterward. I decided we're just going to continue this." Bitar decided to continue the program about every six weeks. "It's been a solid year and a half that we've had them consistently."

Lt. Chris Lee, NASSIG planning officer, inherited the Sig Pride from Menke last summer. "It was envisioned as an evolution that happens every six weeks or so where we could try to get ownership in the base by getting people to get out and clean up the areas around where they work," Lee said. "Our goal has always been to make them unnecessary. We'd like it if we didn't have to do Sig Prides."

"My ultimate goal is that we don't have to do it anymore," Bitar said. "The way we're not going to have to do the Sig Prides anymore is if people would do this one thing consistently, and that is when they park their car and go in to work or go into the NEX or Commissary, if they see a piece of trash on the way, pick it up and throw it in the trash can. If they do that and someone else sees them do that ... it will catch on."

The program sets seven zones on NAS II for participation. "Every zone has a department or tenant command who is responsible for that zone, as far as they're the primary party for that zone," Lee said. "They get with us and collect their cleaning materials beforehand. They're in charge of distributing the cleaning materials to the other departments and tenant commands in their area." Due to the smaller size of NAS I, everyone meets in the NEX/Commissary parking lot where the cleaning supplies are distributed and the areas are assigned.

"The First Class Association at Security actually approached me last fall and said they want to do the NAS I portion of Sig Pride," Lee said. "So they've really been running with it."

"I think it's a good program, but I don't think commands support it enough," said MA1 James Hansen, Sig Pride NAS I coordinator.

To encourage more participation, MWR offers prizes that can be found in each zone. Some of the past prizes have included ITT trips, free movie passes and bowling passes. "There are real prizes and we really do hide them," Hansen said. Watch for the prizes as Hansen said there was an incident where two of the markers for prizes were thrown out.

"We usually hide the big money prizes in the areas where there's good participation," Lee said. "AIMD (Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Detachment) has gotten the bigger prizes a few times because they have a large showing. We try to make it as a reward for those commands."

The program is working, but not ultimately as intended. "It's not [running] itself out of business like we'd like," Lee said. "I think a lot of people don't understand that it's everyone's responsible for trash around the base. There's a NASSIG instruction that states if you see trash, you're to pick it up. I think a lot of people don't know that."

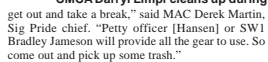
Even the guy at the top, Capt. Tim Davison, NASSIG commanding officer, takes cleanliness of the base to heart. "I often see Capt. Davison walking around the base and he stops and picks up trash on his way," Lee added. I think he's a good example for us. I see him doing it a lot."

"We've had a couple of low attendance days and sometimes that's going to happen," Bitar said. "I think for the most part that when people are aware of it and that's our job to get that word out, that they plan to get 10 percent [of their personnel participating]. We really do insist that every department goes to where they're supposed to go. If for some reason they can't make it that day, we can arrange for them to do it the day before or the day after."

Sig pride also saves money as it makes the base look better. "If we were to have contractors come in every six weeks and clean the base like we do, I'm told it would be a \$35,000 a year contract," Bitar said. "That's a significant savings."

"I think people do better at work when they work in a clean environment," Bitar added. "If people are looking sharp and working in a clean space, they're more apt to be focused on what they're doing, which will make them work safer and get their mission accomplished."

The next Sig Pride Day will commence at 8 a.m. on June 9. "Come out a 8 o'clock, get away from the computer,



CMCA Darryl Limpf cleans up during a recent Sig Pride Day.

"There's no doubt in my mind Sig Pride will never stop," Bitar said. "It is now institutionalized. I intro military INDOC and the first thing I say in my opening remarks is that the base has a clean up program and that you guys are encourage to participate when your command tells you. We're a

small community here and as such we want to be proud of the spaces we work in. It makes it easier to handle the other stresses that we are going to have being at an overseas air station at war."

For more on Sig Pride, contact the NAS I Coordinator MA1 Hansen at hansenja@nassig.sicily.navy.mil or NAS II Coordinator SW1 Jameson at jamesonb@nassig.sicily.navy.mil.

By Nicole Hamaker
Staff Writer

Signonella teens have more options for fun this summer thanks to No Limitz, the brand-new summer camp program that allows teens to participate in popular outdoor activities such as camping, horse trekking, kayaking, snorkeling and even paintball.

The No Limitz Adventure Camp consists of a series of adventure trips and outings that will be offered to teens between the ages of thirteen and eighteen. The trips will run throughout the summer beginning on June 15th. No Limitz passes go on sale May 24th at the NAS I Teen Center.

Kim Mosco, Youth Activities Director, said she is very excited to offer this program because it offers Sigonella teens an opportunity to get out and have fun. "We've got to get these teens interested in something besides just sitting around playing video games," said Mosco. Amy Hinkle, Teen Center Recreation Aid, agrees. "We'd like them to get outside and do something," said Hinkle. "This is a good program to get the kids outside to have fun instead of sitting at home just doing nothing," she said.

Amy Hinkle and Justin Blankenbaker, another Teen Center Recreation Aid, sounded very excited about the program. Hinkle said she is happy about the go-karting. "We are going go-karting and they love that. We've been there before and they keep requesting to go go-karting again and again," she said. Blankenbaker, who is known as the local paintball expert by some, said he is looking forward to taking the kids out paintballing.

The paintball trip will actually be combined with rough camping and, according to the information

packet, will be the first rough camping teen trip ever. This will be a weekend trip where participants will roast marshmallows at night and shoot paintballs at friends during the day. There will be no restrooms, showers, or restaurants around so teens will get to experience some real camping.

If you are a teen and paintball or rough camping isn't your thing, No Limitz probably offers something else that you might like. There is a camping trip that offers fun minus the rough part and there are also boat cruises, horse trekking trips, a trip to Etna Land Water Park, snorkeling at a lido and more.

The program even sneaks in a little bit of learning with the fun. There will be mandatory sessions where the teens will learn about the activities before participating in them. For example, there will be a pre-camping session where the teens learn things like how to set up a tent, what to pack and what not to pack, said Mosco. "So there's a lot of learning in this experience. They teach you how to snorkel, they teach you how to kayak, they teach you how to ride a horse and they demonstrate the paintball," said Mosco.

The No Limitz program is a combined effort between the Teen Center and Adventures Unlimited. According to Mosco, the program would not have been possible without Adventures Unlimited. "They are providing us with the expertise and a lot of the transportation and they are providing a lot of our skill sessions. They've been in this one hundred percent," said Mosco.

Mosco says that other military bases have implemented similar teen programs and that they have been very successful.

For more information please contact the NAS 1 Teen Center at 624-4018.

By ATC Clarence Lovett

Registration for the 2004 DEFY program is in full swing. We have had a large amount of interest in the staff/mentor positions in the program and are still taking applications to fill the 25 openings. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the youth of our community and share your experiences and friendship in their learning and development as tomorrow's young adults.

Applications for staff/member positions must have a request chit signed by your chain of command as you will be TAD from your command for the period of June 28 to July 16. The deadline to submit staff applications is 07 June, for submission of youth applications is 14 June. The applications for staff and youth can be picked up at the 205 Youth Center in 205 Housing across from NAS I or if you have access, you can go online to, <http://infosig.sicily.navy.mil>, to "DEPY program" under the flags "What's New" or "Activities" and download the applications.

When you have completely filled out the application return it to the 205 Youth Center in 205 housing across from NAS I. Ensure the date you turn in your application is listed on the application as positions are filled on a first come, first serve basis, and are limited. If you have any questions please contact CEI Bergeron at 624-5290 or 335-776-8351 or you can contact ATC Lovett at 624-5289 or 335-776-8345.

Sailors play by 'school yard rules' in Armed Force Day Celebration

By JO2 Steve Weaver
Staff Writer

It was just like the old days on the playground at Naval Air Station on May 14 when people could be seen playing four square, dodgeball, kickball and even tricycle races.

The only difference is that these people don't go to school anymore, but instead suit up in uniforms of the United States Navy.

The Armed Forces Day Celebration held on the NAS II ball field was to honor those who suit up in one of the uniforms of the armed forces.

"It's all in the spirit of Armed Forces Day," said Lana Morano, Sigonella MWR community activities director. "Just to celebrate the military and everything we do. We like to put this on ... it's important to celebrate that fact that we are in the military."

The celebration of armed forces day actually started with a brisk run early in the morning. "We started it off with a little bit of a somber event, a POW remembrance run," said Morano. "[The run] was thought of by HM1 Michelle Miller of NEPMU 7 (Navy Environmental Preventative Medicine Unit Seven). She approached us with the idea. She thought it was very important to do a

remembrance run because we haven't done one here in a while." Over 250 people came out to participate in the run.

"We had about nine commands participate in all these different events," said Morano who admitted she wouldn't be participating in this year's dodgeball games. She carried a dodgeball bruise from last year's game for two months. "We had kickball, dodgeball, water tag, sumo suit wrestling, four square and trike races. It takes you back to your schoolyard days, but we put a little bit of an adult twist on it. One of the other events we do is the tug of war, and that gets crazy. Last year we had people drug half way across the field."

"It brings you back to the days when you were in high school," said ABHAN Wesley Cooper with the NASSIG Fire Department who admitted his favorite activity was flinging those dangerous dodgeballs.

"I love these events," said Lt. j.g. Danny Smith, officer in charge of Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station's (COMSTA) Nisemi area. "I'm one of the older people out here. Some of us haven't played these games in 20 years or so. It's great."

Every event was competitive between the



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Above left: A member of the Public Works Department kicks the stuffing out of a kickball during the Armed Forces Day Celebration at the NAS II ballfield. The School Yard-type events gave Sailors a chance to play sports from their youth such as dodgeball and four square.

Above: Jon Gibson, MWR entertainment director, shows his microphone mastery. Gibson provided "old school" eighties toons and played the more recent hits in his role as DJ for the event.

Left: Members of the Public Works Department strain to pull their end of the rope during a tug of war against members of COMSTA. PW took home a number one finish in the event.



Photo by Sandra Sosa, MWR

Above: Over 250 people came out for the POW Remembrance Run early in the morning on May 14.

Right: A member of COMSTA hurls a dodgeball at YN2 Demarcus Johnson, who looks on as he tries to avoid being hit.

different commands. Dodgeballs seem to be hurling towards their intended human targets at light speed. "It was very competitive," said ABH3 Crystal Setree of the NASSIG Fire Department. "I think it's cool they even had the recess monitors."

"I love the opportunity to compete against the other commands," Smith said. "That's something we don't get to do very often out here. With everyone being so busy and with the real world things going on right now it's great that we have the opportunity to do something together."

About 30 volunteers helped out in grilling up hot dogs, hamburgers, and other tasks that were required throughout the day. "We appreciate the

commands who gave their people off this morning and afternoon to participate in the run and the events," said Morano. "We put it together for the community and it's nice to have such a good amount of participation."

Security ruled the schoolyard as they took first place with a score of 48 points. COMSTA and the Fire Department tied for second with a score of 38 points and rounding out the top three was Public Works with a score of 34 points. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Eight (EODMU 8), Executive Admin, Tactical Support Center (TSC), and the Ground Electronics Maintenance Division (GEMD) also turned in great performances.



Photo by JCS Brown, MWR

Bankruptcy: is it the right option for me?

Cmdr. D. R. Daniels, JAGC, USNR

Are you experiencing extreme hardship meeting your financial obligations each month? If so, bankruptcy might be an option to consider. Before making such an important decision, however, you need to know what bankruptcy is and how it will affect you should you file for it.

Bankruptcy is a legal proceeding designed to allow you a "fresh start" financially. Bankruptcy immediately stops all debt collection efforts against you. Ultimately, bankruptcy can relieve you of the obligation to pay many, if not all, of your financial obligations. It can stop foreclosure on your home and allow you to catch up on your mortgage payments. It may prevent repossession of your vehicle, or even allow you to get your vehicle back if it has already been repossessed. Bankruptcy may also stop garnishment of your wages and other actions by debt collectors.

Despite all its advantages, you should not be under the impression that bankruptcy will release you from every type of debt you may have incurred. Debts that generally cannot be discharged in bankruptcy include child support, spousal support, student loans, restitution ordered by a court, criminal fines and certain taxes. In addition, personal property debts secured by collateral, such as your car note, generally cannot be discharged. Of course, you will also have to pay back any debts incurred after the bankruptcy has been filed. If you have a co-signer on any of your debts, you should be aware that, once you declare bankruptcy, the co-signer will become liable for the debt.

There are two types of personal bankruptcy proceedings: a Chapter 7 "straight" or "liquidation" bankruptcy and a Chapter 13 "reorganization" or "debt adjustment." Under Chapter 7 you are required to give up all property that is not exempt under the bankruptcy law, to be sold to pay your creditors. In most cases, however, you will be able to keep your home (you will need to keep making payments), your household goods and personal belongings, most tools or books needed for your job, and even your automobile, if these items are paid for. You can receive a discharge of your debts under Chapter 7 only once every six years.

In a Chapter 13 "reorganization" bankruptcy, you will be required to file a reorganization plan to pay your debts from your current income over a period of three to five years. You can keep all your property if your plan meets the requirements of the bankruptcy law. In most cases, you will still have to pay your mortgages or loans as though you didn't file bankruptcy, although the payments will be smaller. Under Chapter 13, you will need to have enough income to continue paying for your necessities and to keep up with the required payments as they come due. The court sets a total monthly payment amount, which you make to a bankruptcy trustee appointed by the court. The trustee then pays your creditors the required payments.

Although bankruptcy is one option to deal with financial problems, it's generally considered the option of last resort. The reason: Bankruptcy has a long-term negative impact on your creditworthiness, regardless of which type you file. A bankruptcy stays on your credit

report for 10 years, and can hinder your ability to get credit, a job, insurance, or even a place to live. Therefore, if you're having trouble paying your bills, consider these possibilities before considering filing for bankruptcy.

Talk with your creditors. They may be willing to work out a modified payment plan.

Contact a credit counseling service. These organizations work with you and your creditors to develop debt repayment plans. Such plans require you to deposit money each month with the counseling service. The service then pays your creditors. Some nonprofit organizations charge little or nothing for their services.

Carefully consider a second mortgage or home equity line of credit. While these loans may allow you to consolidate your debt, they also require your home as collateral.

An important advisory from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) cautions consumers to read between the lines when faced with ads in newspapers, magazines or even telephone directories that offer catchy phrases promising seemingly quick fixes to your debt problems. You'll later find out that such phrases often involve bankruptcy proceedings that could jeopardize your credit and cost you attorneys' fees.

If you hold a security clearance, you should consult with your chain of command and your detailee before proceeding with a bankruptcy petition. If you have any questions about bankruptcy or any other legal assistance matter, please contact the NLSO at 624-5258.

RBC trial run makes life easier for supply personnel

By JOSH Christopher Koons
USS Kitty Hawk Public Affairs

USS KITTY HAWK, At Sea (NNS) — USS Kitty Hawk's (CV 63) supply department received cargo with the use of new, plastic reusable bulk containers (RBC) during replenishment-at-sea (RAS) evolutions in April and May, as part of a fleetwide trial run.

Transporting material around Kitty Hawk's hangar bay on traditional wooden pallets has been an often difficult task for the ship's supply department personnel. The use of RBCs makes that job a bit easier.

"RBCs are a combination of a pallet and a storage box," said Senior Chief Storekeeper Carlos Eballo, leading chief petty officer of supply department's materials division.

Typically, Sailors must place cargo they receive during a RAS in boxes, and place the boxes on wooden pallets in order to move them around the hangar bay. RBCs, on the other hand, open up to become storage containers than can easily be moved around on pallet jacks, eliminating the need for boxes, said Eballo.

Kitty Hawk's supply department received cargo in 24 RBCs during an April 14 RAS with USS Niagara Falls (TAFS 3), which were returned to the supply ship after the cargo was unloaded.

"We returned the RBCs to Niagara Falls after we unloaded the cargo," said Eballo. "We then gave them feedback on how well they worked."

This was not the last time Kitty Hawk would see the new containers, however.

"We have used them again on subsequent RASs," said Eballo. "If they continue to work well, they'll eventually become a permanent part of a RAS."

At least weekly through the end of April and through May, the ship has conducted RAS evolutions and received supplies, with the RBCs being used, evaluated and reported on.

"After you're done, you can collapse them and stack them four high," Eballo said. "This saves a lot of space."

There is also little danger of a stack of RBCs falling over, according to Eballo. "They stick together like Legos," he said.

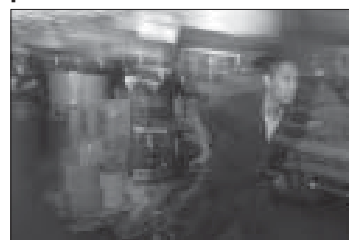
The new containers can also transport vital materials. "They can carry everything from frozen food to regular stock material," said Eballo.

RBCs also last longer than wooden pallets. "The wooden ones eventually break down," said Eballo. "With RBC's, you can be sure they'll be around for a long time."

Eballo is not the only supply department member who said he is grateful for the arrival of the new containers.

"They're a lot better because they require less manpower, take up less space, and are more durable than the wooden pallets," said Firearm Recruit Jason Pinson, who is on temporary assigned duty to supply's wardrobe mess division.

"They'll make our job much easier," he said.



Airman Michael Munoz, of Dallas, Texas, moves Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) items through the hangar bay of the conventional aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) during a replenishment at sea (RAS).

Conserve energy ... if you don't need it turn it off.

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- 2) 35 percent
- 3) 3,000
- 4) Vinegar
- 5) Seven pitches

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Jaguar Booster Club officer elections

The Jaguar Booster Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the sports program of Stephen Decatur High School. The club assists in purchasing team uniforms, award memorabilia, and some athletic equipment. It also finances sports award banquets and contributes to the community scholarship fund. We are having our annual officer elections June 1 in the SDS Registrar's Office. All executive board positions (president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer) are available. If you are interested in becoming an officer or helping with the Booster Club, please join us June 1 or contact ATCS Gene Reed at 624-6406 or reede@nassig.sicily.navy.mil.

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officer-in-charge, safety and operations officer while the squadron supported 5th and 6th Fleets during Operation Southern Watch and the Kosovo campaign.

Following his return to the U.S. in 2000, Adair enjoyed a tour at Fort Bragg, N.C. serving at the Joint Special Operations Command, J5 Directorate.

In July 2003, Adair returned to HC-4 NAS Sigonella as Executive Officer.

His awards include: Bronze Star Medal, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (4), and various unit awards and campaign medals.

Cmdr. Mike Fitzpatrick was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Penn. He first enlisted in the U.S. Navy in June 1980 and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May of 1985. After attending graduate school at the University of Maryland, Fitzpatrick completed flight training and was designated an unrestricted Naval Aviator in May of 1987.

He subsequently served with HELSUPPRON ELEVEN in San Diego before transferring to HELSUPPRON THREE, the single site H-46 Fleet Replacement Squadron, for duty as an instructor pilot. In August 1993, he reported aboard USS Coronado (AGF 11) where he served as the air officer and qualified as a surface warfare officer.

In July 1995, Commander Fitzpatrick attended the College of Naval Command and Staff at the United States Naval War College. He graduated with distinction in June 1996 and earned a Master's of Art degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. He then returned to HELSUPPRON ELEVEN where he deployed as officer-in-charge and served as squadron maintenance officer. Following his department head tour, Fitzpatrick completed a Federal Executive Fellowship at RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, Calif. and attended the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va. In April 2001, Fitzpatrick reported as executive officer of the Black Stallions and assumed command on August 31, 2002.

In addition to various service awards, Fitzpatrick has earned the Navy Commendation and Navy Achievement Medals.

Following his tour with HC-4, Fitzpatrick has accepted orders to Regional Headquarters, Allied Forces North as a NATO staff planner. The squadron would like to thank Cmdr. Fitzpatrick for his steadfast dedication and service to the squadron and wish him the best of luck in the rest of his Naval Career. Fair winds and following seas!

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going to see either one of these abundant for too much longer," Doud continued. "The flying aphids are going to find a plant that's suitable for them to live and develop and feed on and they're going to stay put there. It's just during this time when they're searching that we encounter most of them."

Due to the amount of rain Sigonella has experienced, a more menacing insect, a biting midge, might rear its pesky head later this year. "Last year we had a lot of those," Doud said. "We may see those again. Those are

and your neck ... they of rainfall this spring of them this year." health risks though. s no diseases that we n transmitting to us ith the sand fly or the biggest medical ing out from allergic y buggers should run s. nt shirts and prepare nger as the insects of



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Graco crib for life, brand new with crib mattress. Converts from crib, to toddler bed, to day bed, to full size bed \$100. Hoover floor mate. Only 6 months old. Vacuums, wet cleans, dry vacuums hard floors \$100. Powerhouse Olympic universal weight bench with Olympic bar, curl bar, weights and weight stand \$250. Call Kelly or Josh at 624-0695.

120v Microwave \$25, 2 Chest of drawers \$15 each, tall round top Bar table for \$45, 624-3211 or 340-378-1450.

Crib with mattress for sale. Both in very good condition. \$50. Changing table also for sale. \$10 o.b.o. Please call Jessica or Steve at 624-3579

\$200 - O'Brien Windsurf Board with two Sails and harness. Great learning setup. Great summer fun. Call Larry at 3355998550 or Kathy at 095-789-0029 or 3497514758. Available now.

\$5 per pair: Caterpillar leather hiking boots, size 8; Black leather western riding boots, size 8.5D; Brown suede snow boots, size 9 (worn once). Call Kathy at 095-789-0029 or 349-751-4758.

Homeschoolers! Abeka course materials available for children in Second thru Fifth grades. Call Kathy at 095-789-0029 or 349-751-4758.

Moving Sale: Play Station and Computer games at \$5 each. Kid's desk \$15. Four lawn chairs, \$10 each. 220V portable radiator heater, \$45. 220V portable air conditioner, \$100. Standup 220V Fan: \$15. Gas Grill, \$30. Call 095-789-0029 or 349-751-4758.

Compaq Presario 900, \$900 contact via email phineasfog@yahoo.com

20" Magnavox Color TV, with Remote. \$100. Great Condition. All manuals included. Perfect for barracks or your child's bedroom. Call John at 624-6535 during working hours.

Krups "Il caffè Doccia style" coffee and espresso maker, \$50(110v). Full size 14oz Bean bag "Dallas Cowboys" \$20. Black and Decker Iron \$5. Burton "Signature" golf bag and x3 Top Flite packs (15 balls each) \$195. 39" C-5 Epiphone acoustic guitar, never used, excellent for beginners plus x2 VHS Guitar Beginner videos \$80. Warrner Bros/Dartboard, excellent condition \$45. Brine "Magnum" short Lacrosse stick \$10. JVC KS-F08R Cassette receiver \$65. X2 Queen size Mink Blankets (Green and Burgandy) \$50 ea. 27" Panasonic color TV \$170. Contact Ted at 095-277697 or email Ferg94@hotmail.com.

Imae Blueberry G3 333 mhz for sale. Great for children or can be used as a second computer. It has 32B ram, Os

8.6 .6 GB Hard Drive, virtual memory, built in speakers, USB Keyboard and mouse and power cord. This computer also comes with extra software such as Quick Time , Microsoft Office 98, Presto Mr. Photo, and World Book and extra software. ASKING \$300.Call 624-0126

Available 14 May: Entertainment Center (bought new for \$220, selling for \$150) Large computer desk (\$85) Beautiful wool rug, appx 6'x9' (\$80 OBO). Available now: 6' Artificial Christmas tree (\$5) Decorative tins (great for baked gifts, etc all for \$2) 2 large Pothos vining plants (\$20 for both) Plastic balcony/patio furniture (\$5 for 2 chairs and end table) Accent table with glass topper (\$5) Ahunix Plasma Mini Tower case no P/S still in box (bought new, but doesn't fit my motherboard \$20) Oil lamps (1 hg 2 am \$5 for all) & assorted toys. Contact Daphne at 340-574-3960 or x6904.

Barbie Cruisin Tunes Power Wheels jeep. Seat 2 up to 90 lbs. Very new, \$100, pd. \$279.00. Video Now personal video player with discs, never opened, \$60.00. Little Tikes shopping carts 2 for \$15.00. Call Shawn x0313 or 340-9769145.

Wanted

I am looking for someone to sew curtains for my home, the measurements have already been taken the fabric has been cut. I will pay whenever a reasonable price. I will bring to your home and pick up so that it is no inconvenience to you. If interested please call Christina @ 3393517681.

Wanted Automatic transmission car for my daughter. Will pay the right price for the right car in good condition. AFI plated is a plus! Air conditioning is a plus too but not required. Call 624-1526.

Looking for jogging stroller, single or double. Also looking for children's outside play equipment. Call Ashley @ 624-0633(home).

Babysitter in my Marinali home Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Saturday OR Sunday from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Alternate times negotiable. English speaking non-smoker preferred. Call 624-1228 or 335-578-9873.

Yard Sale

PCSing back to the states. Have lots we need to get rid of, clothes, some furniture, some small appliances and many misc. items. Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22 8:00 a.m til???? 205 housing 322 A or you can call 624-3627 if you have any questions.

Multi-family yard sale on May 22 in the Maranai housing complex # 2011 Sigona-(single family house)-PCSing. Some items are plants, plastic planter, plus size clothes, children's clothes, books, odds & ends. Shirley/Kathy

PCSing back to the states, carpets, appliances, yard tools, bikes, and more. 1096D Hull St, Mince, Saturday, 22 May 04 from 0800 until ????. For info call 335-578-8124.

